

Coalition for CALFED Funding and Cost-Sharing Program

Draft ACTION PLAN

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Action Plan — Short-Term

- o FY 97 report language (Energy and Water Appropriations Committee) and funding (EPA \$1 million written in by Cong. Jerry Lewis). Speaker Gingrich House Resolution or letter of support.
 - Fazio/Riggs letter requesting Army Corps membership in CALFED
 - Various letters of support for federal cost sharing: (Ca Cong delegation letter, Dole/Clinton campaign briefings, distribute briefing books)
- o FY 98 Clinton Administration Budget Priority for CALFED....Presidential Priority Initiative --- OMB task force with federal agencies, Sept. 6 Garamendi/Percepspe meeting with regional directors, Army Corps joining Calfed (Sept 6). Actively participate in developing federal FY '98 budget.
 - Lester Snow, CALFED staff prepare draft priorities for funding next year for review by Restoration Roundtable.
 - Jim Costa mtg. with Garamendi (Sept. 3 and Sept. 10).

Multi-Year Programmatic Budget - develop a 3-5 year program budget for CALFED.

- Work with CALFED staff to identify priorities and federal agency cost-sharing roles in implementing 3-5 program budget (Core Action Items).

Action Plan ... Long-Term Federal/State Cost-sharing Agreement

- o Previous models ...complete paper by 10/15/96
CAP Plan 6, Everglades, northwest, Chesapeake Bay
- o Options - framework agreement on budgeting process or specific federal cost-sharing formula commitments (subject to future appropriations).
- o Negotiating Strategies - federal/state reps (or should stakeholders sit at the table?). At the federal level who would be the lead negotiator (OMB??).

Legal analysis.....OMB task force, negotiating approach between stakeholders, state and federal agency partners (state/federal legal task force should be formed with stakeholder participation — action: organize and initiate in Sept.).

Do you need the programmatic EIS/EIR prior to consummating cost-sharing agreement?

Next Steps.....Implementation and organizational activities:

Logistics....memos, weekly calls, strategy sessions, organizational matters.

Suggested actions:

- o Weekly conference calls.
- o Atwater will write weekly one page memo on activities and events, fax to steering committee.
- o Each month have a 2-4 hour strategy session to examine in detail the federal funding advocacy program and provide guidance on short and long term action plan (plus review budget, administrative activities, coordination issues). Atwater to prepare monthly report.
- o Federal lobbying team continue to hold weekly coordination conference calls or sessions as the need requires (Dave Reynolds, ACWA organizes these meetings).
- o Arrange to meet with Lester Snow and CALFED staff on a regular basis to ensure coordination and consistency of "message" on federal funding. Atwater to arrange meetings about every 2-3 weeks.
- o Federal agency liaison activities: need to brief and develop a working relationship with each of the regional directors and key staff (Bureau of Reclamation, Army Corps, FWS, NMFS, BLM, USFS, NRCS, EPA): need to accomplish this fall, Atwater will coordinate activities).
- o OMB task force on CALFED budget: Klostermyer is interfacing with OMB staff, need to assist OMB to get this done for FY '98.